

Sri R. M. PATIL.—To some extent I may say so.

Plying of Motor Lorries and Buses on Agumbe Ghat Road.

Q.—1663. Sri B. JAGAJJEEVANDAS SHETTY (Brahmavar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that the public of coastal and malnad areas are forbidden to carry their produce in motor lorries on the Agumbe Ghat Road although P.W.D. lorries are plying freely in the said Ghat section;

(b) whether they are aware that the said road connects Malpe Port;

(c) whether they would allow motor lorries and buses to ply in this Ghat section immediately after the cessation of the South-West monsoon?

A.—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—

(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) Due to unprecedented rains in Agumbe area, some revetments at mile stone 61-5 on this section have slipped and consequently there is a road block. As soon as this is cleared and declared open for motor traffic, lorries and buses of restricted wheel base and tonnage will be allowed.

Sri B. JAGAJJEEVANDAS SHETTY.—Question (a) is: “Whether they are aware that the public of coastal and malnad areas are forbidden to carry their produce in motor lorries on the Agumbe Ghat Road, although P.W.D. lorries are plying freely in the said Ghat section”. The answer is ‘No.’ Is it not a fact that P.W.D. lorries were plying freely in the said Ghat section during cement concreting, conveying road materials, cement, etc.?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—When the work of concreting a portion of the section of the road was being done, it might be possible that some lorries carrying cement might have plied over it, but so far general traffic is concerned, restrictions have been placed, prohibiting

certain types of vehicles to ply beyond a certain wheel base. Therefore, there are some restrictions placed on the movement of lorries in this particular section owing to the condition of the road as well as the weak culverts that exist in some parts.

Sri A. R. BADRI NARAYAN.—Is there any other alternative route to go to South Canara?

*Sri C. M. POONACHA.—To reach Mangalore probably there is a route via Shimoga.

Sri A. R. BADRI NARAYAN.—In view of the continued damage to this road, have the Government considered an alternative route for going to South Canara?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—I don't have the information because that question will have to be put to my colleague the Minister for Public Works Department.

Sri B. JAGAJJEEVANDAS SHETTY.—To question (c), the answer is: “Due to unprecedented rains in Agumbe area, some revetments at mile stone 61-5 on this section have slipped and consequently there is a road block. As soon as this is cleared and declared open for motor traffic, lorries and buses of restricted wheel base and tonnage will be allowed.” But is it not a fact that this particular section of the road has been cleared, but lorries of restricted wheel base have not been allowed to ply on that road?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—The road is now cleared and some of these smaller vehicles are allowed to ply in that section.

Criminal Cases Registered in Puttur Taluk.

Q.—1674. Sri S. SUBBAYA NAIK (Puttur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of cases of theft, murder and burglary registered in Puttur Taluk from November 1956 to July 1957;

(b) out of them, the number of cases in which the offenders have been detected?